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SUBJECT: DECREE GIVING LEGAL STATUS TO NIGERIAN LABOR
CONGRESS AND INDUSTRIAL UNIONS

REF: LAGOS 10044

1. COMMISSIONER FOR LABOR S.O. WILLIAMS PRESENTED
NIGERIA LABOR CONGRESS (NLC) ON AUGUST 18 WITH
CHECK FOR ONE MILLION NAIRA GRANT FROM FMG (REFTEL)
AND ANNOUNCED A DECREE HAS BEEN PROMULGATED GIVING
THE NLC AND THE INDUSTRIALLY BASED UNIONS LEGAL
STATUS. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY TIMES, AUGUST 19,
NLC PRESIDENT SUNMONU IN ACCEPTING THE CHECK
REGRETTED THE DECREE HAD NOT BEEN PROMULGATED
EARLIER. HE SAID IF IT HAD BEEN ISSUED LAST MONTH
AS SCHEDULED, APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILLION NAIRA
WOULD HAVE BEEN COLLECTED IN DUES.

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2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE THE TEXT
OF THE DECREE YET, WE UNDERSTAND IT PROVIDES
FOR THE REGISTRATION AND "RECOGNITION" OF THE
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS BUT ONLY FOR THE REGISTRATION OF
THE NLC. DIRECTOR OF LABOR G.C. OKOGWU TOLD
EMBASSY'S LABOR/POLITICAL ASSISTANT THAT
"RECOGNITION" INVOLVES THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER

INTO NEGOTIATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS
RELATING TO SALARIES OR SERVICE CONDITIONS OF
WORKERS. THE NLC DOES NOT NEED "RECOGNITION"
AS IT SERVES AS A CONSULTANT TO THE GOVERNMENT.
THIS INTERPRETATION OF NLC'S ROLE IS LIKELY TO
EVOKE CONTROVERSY, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE MORE
MILITANT MEMBERS.
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